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Chapter 1161

Liam believed he deserved more than that.

"Give me more time, Dad! I promise to do a good job. I have cleaned up many messes within the Hoffman Group throughout the years. Don't you trust me?" Drenched in sweat, Liam tried to persuade Logan.

"That's enough. This is the end of the matter."

Logan furrowed his brows in annoyance. "I have not been paying Ryan much attention in the last few years. This will be a great trial for him. As Ryan's uncle, shouldn't you take him under your wing?"

In other words, Liam should drop the matter.

With the scales tipping in her family's favor, Zoe struck while the iron/ was hot and stuck close to Logan. She said sweetly, "Grandpa, did you forget that we have one more way to fix the problem?"

"What is it?"

"Didn't you say that you'd talk to Mr. Salvador about a wedding proposal with me at the horse track?" Zoe blinked bashfully.

Claire was shocked. "Why are you bringing that up, Zoe?"

"Wedding proposal? Ha, now isn't the time or place to talk about that."

Liam sneered, "Your scandal at the horse racing event is still the talk of the town. Did you forget? I doubt any prestigious family, much less the Salvadors, would want your hand in marriage. Marrying you would be declaring war with the Thompsons." Enraged, Zoe gave Liam the stink eye.

Before she could refute him, Logan frowned and said solemnly, "The wedding has to go on."

That was a shocker.

It was most wise to keep a low profile until the scandal died down. Yet, Logan was cooking something up.

"If we could unite with the Salvadors through marriage, our shares would likely rise back up. This might also deter the troublemakers in the company from another uprising. Besides, Salvador Corporation needs something to show for it, especially after Shannon's shocking behavior. The marriage alliance benefits them too. The partnership between Salvador Corporation and Journey Ventures is new and isn't solid yet. If the marriage alliance is a success, that's our ticket to befriend Journey Ventures too. The incident at the horse track won't matter much anymore."

Convinced of his own idea, Logan grew enthusiastic, and his eyes sparkled.

Zoe expressed shyness as joy washed over her.

Liam said, "Dad, that proposal has crossed my mind, but the marriage alliance won't work unless both parties are on board. You saw how much Justin loves Bella. She's the only woman for him. Since Grant doesn't get involved in the business, Gregory won't want to be on Justin's bad books to keep a cushy lifestyle. There is no way Zoe will become the president's wife unless Justin says so."

Liam had a point.

Logan grew grim. "That's true. This is tricky."

"Justin is lovestruck with Bella. He won't accept another woman unless Bella suddenly dies or something." Liam clicked his tongue while shaking his head.

As a man, Liam could read Justin like a book.

He had seen the same deep sentiment in the way Ryan looked at Carrie.

As a dark cloud hung over the family, Zoe's phone rang.

She indiscreetly fished out her phone for a look. Alarmed, she snuck out of the ward and took the call somewhere private.

Several minutes later, Zoe returned to the ward.

She rushed to Logan's bed with a spring in her steps, sat down, and took his hand, her eyes flickering with excitement.

"You can rest easy, Grandpa. I have a solution to break Bella up, for sure. The Salvadors would not have a choice but accept me."

Chapter 1162

The incident with Shannon at the race track plunged Salvador Corporation into deep turmoil.

As the head of the family, Nigel gave Gregory an ultimatum.

Shannon could rot in prison, but if Gregory still thought she was worth saving, Nigel intended to cut him off completely.

However, Gregory had his own concerns.

If he were to turn his back on Shannon, the public would have a go at him, calling him out for being a heartless capitalist who used his wife as a pawn.

His first marriage with an heiress of the Fowler family ended. His second wife was rumored to suffer from depression due to his neglect and had jumped to her death. His third wife, Shannon suspected of using.

Gregory did not want to give the public another reason to mock h He did not want to hear that things would not end well if no wom was involved with him.

To protect his pride, he could not let Shannon become a criminal.

Gregory was in for a surprise, though.

Justin bypassed him, the chairman, and held a meeting with higher management.

Shannon was relieved of all her duties.

The meeting was over before Gregory could make it there. When the chairman arrived on the scene, the senior executives were just getting up to leave. They fell silent and gave the chairman a nod.

"I expect an explanation, Justin. Why did you host the meeting without my permission?" Fury drove Gregory to press for answers on the spot.

"It's just a regular meeting. It's no different from any other day."

Justin sunk his back into his seat, a pen twirling between his fingers. His eyes were hard to read. "I'm the president. Shouldn't I preside over meetings? Why are you getting worked over this?"

"You have overstepped by dismissing Shannon without notifying me. You should have included me in the important decision-making process. These are rules." Gregory was livid.

"It's too late."

Justin's eyes were cold. "The entire nation is waiting for o ision on Shannon, but you made no comment for three days. T at the horse racing event is not going anywhere. Salvador Co can't take another hit. As the president of this company, I nee make a call. I see no reason why you would oppose my decision unless you are delusional enough to still want to save Shannon."

Rage overcame Gregory. "Justin!"

"Shannon has broken the law multiple times by lining her pockets and using drugs. No individual with any ounce of self-respect would continue to work at the company that they had ruined. What did she ever do to help the company anyway?" Justin smirked.

"Shannon is just under investigation. She is not convicted. A lot of things don't add up. For all we know, Shannon could have been framed."

The senior executives did not know how to react.

"How was Shannon framed to inject drugs into herself when no one is around to force her?"

"That's the strange part. The timing is suspicious. Shannon isn't one to be sloppy."

Gregory regretted the moment the words left his lips.

Judging by what he said, everybody deduced that Shannon had not been caught before because she acted cautiously.

Sure enough, the people made faces.

Losing patience, Justin grimaced. "I have approved an internal and external notice about Shannon's dismissal. I can't take back my words now."

Justin rose to his feet, adjusted his Windsor knot, and walked off.

"Don't forget who you are, Justin! I am the chairman of Salvador Corporation. I make the decisions around here."

With blood boiling, Gregory put his finger up to Justin's face. "Do you think you're safe because you're the president? Don't forget that you're not my only son. I made you the president, but I can make Grant the president too. When Grant comes back, trust me when I say that you will be out of the family business."

Everybody present held their breaths in fright.

Chapter 1163

It was no secret that Gregory and Justin did not get along. However, it was their first fallout in public throughout all the years.

Justin was savage and aggressive, but there was no denying that Salvador Corporation's finances were more than healthy during his tenure as president. The company expanded across the city rather quickly and vigorously.

The employees bore witness to Justin's prowess.

It was a bad idea for Gregory to remove Justin from the company because of Shannon.

Gregory's words would have gotten to Justin in the past.

Now, Gregory's threat was water off a duck's back.

Salvador Corporation was not everything to Justin anymore. Bella was a lot more important than Salvador Corporation.

"I'm not interested in knowing who will become the president of th company in the future, but I'm running the company right now. No one can stop me from firing Shannon."

Justin took strides out of the meeting room.

The senior executives kept hushed while Gregory scowled.

It was dark outside when Justin left the office.

Justin sat wearily in the back seat of a fancy car, his head falling back as he rested.

"Mr. Salvador, you were a badass to go up against Chairman Salvador today." Ian was excited just thinking about it.

"It pays to be badass." Justin curled his lips wryly.

"So what? You will forever be remembered as a badass! Besides, Grant is too sick to handle anything. Even if he returns to Savrow, he wouldn't last a week with the amount of work you do."

lan beamed optimistically. "Besides, everything is good between you and the young madam. She will support you, no matter what. Your future wife is the heiress of the Thompson family, and your future father-in-law is the chairman of KS Group. Plus, you have multiple capable brothers-in-law. With that many on your side, what is Chairman Salvador going to do to you?"

"So you're saying that I should live off Bella?" Justin asked whi narrowing his eyes.

lan gasped sharply and stumbled for words. "N-No... Y-You... Li N-No. Maybe a little."

Justin's lips twitched. "Ian. I should get you an appointment with Larson. He's a neurosurgeon. He can look inside that tiny brain of yours."

lan smiled apologetically, his heart racing.

However, Justin had become softer how that he was with Bella.

Before, Justin would tell him to meet with HR for his final paycheck. At least now, Justin would just be concerned about his health.

After a brief silence, Justin noticed the tightness in his chest.

He was brought back to the years he grew alongside Salvador Corporation and the hardships he had been through for the development of the company.

Yet he was nothing but a disposal pawn to Gregory all along.

"Take me home, lan."

Justin closed his eyes and breathed out, his voice reflecting tenderness. "I really, really miss her."

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Bella was home alone that night. Humming to a tune, she propped her arm on her hip while stirring the pot.

Wilma hit it off with another nanny in the neighborhood, and they became best friends. Bella approved a long leave for her to get out and have fun with her new friend.

Injured, Bella was hurting and had restricted mobility. However, could not lie prostrate for long. While her man was out the whole she thought about making dinner for him.

Memories of the past suddenly came back to her. She used to master the art of cooking because the way to a man's heart was through his stomach.

It seemed so funny now that she thought about it.

Chapter 1164

The food was not the determining factor of love. An individual who truly loved and cared would find anything the partner did charming.

Lost in cooking, Bella did not realize Justin sneaking up behind her.

"Ah!"

She exclaimed as Justin pulled her into his arms, enveloping her in his musky scent.

"You can't sit still, can you? I haven't been gone for long, girl. Why aren't you resting?"

His arms locking around her waist longingly pained her.

Still, she did not say anything about it. Instead, she put her right hand over his tensed hand and gave him a gentle pat as he held her.

His heavy heaving lingered along the wisps of her hair and her ne stirring a moist and tickling sensation.

She shuddered and caught a whiff of tobacco. She frowned. "Huh Did you smoke?"

"I'm sorry, Bella. I couldn't help myself."

Justin's voice was hoarse with guilt. He rested his chin on her shoulder, snuggling up to her. "It won't happen again."

"Is something on your mind?" Sensing his crestfallen mood, Bella was alarmed.

"No."

"Did Chairman Salvador give you trouble at work today?"

Nothing went past the woman's eye.

Justin curled his lips wryly. "I need to check later whether you planted a bug on me."

"Hmph! Yeah, I did. Here."

Bella turned around and cheekily poked his chest. "Was it about Shannon?"

"I held a corporate meeting today to relieve Shannon of all her duties. Gregory wasn't having it. He still wants to save Shannon."

Justin spoke nonchalantly and tucked her stray hair behind her ear. But don't worry, I won't let him get away with it. Shannon must die."

"He's not trying to protect Shannon. At the end of the day, he's trying to protect himself. God knows what the public will say about hir nothing ends well for every woman he was with." Bella spoke her mind.

"I know. The best thing about my dad is that he's selfish."

Upset, Justin sighed dejectedly. He felt like his family problem was extended to her. "But don't worry. When we get married, we won't stay at Tideview Manor. We'll move out."

Get married?

Bella's heart raced, and she blushed.

"If you want to spend more time with your family, I'll live with you in Hatchbay. If you're worried about Grandpa, we can buy a property in Crescent Bay. It'll be easy to get together." Justin's eyes sparkled

as he envisioned their future together.

"Grandpa called me two days ago. He asked how I was doing and said that he had enough of Savrow because of how manipulative people are. He's thinking about living in Hatchbay with me." Bella's lashes fluttered, and her voice was soft.

"You're the boss."

Justin kissed her lips.

They locked lips, and their breaths mingled.

A while later, Bella left his lips breathlessly, her face flushing. "It will be hard for you to go to work and back if we live in Hatchbay. The daily transit will take 4 hours."

"I can just take the chopper. Since lan can't pilot that, I can do it. That's not important, though. All I want is for you to always be hap

Nothing mattered more than her happiness.

Bella's eyes welled up. She was touched by his words.

However, she got the feeling that something was still bothering him.

Chapter 1165

"Bella, since you're talking about ajfuture with me, does that mean that you are happy to marry me?" Justin let out a bad-boy smile and

gave her cheek a squeeze.

Bella was stubborn. "No. I didn't say I was going to marry you. Besides

"That was not a proposal,' Bella thought to herself.

Ralph was faced with a tricky situation at the station.

The police were past the legal limit for holding Shannon in custody. Ralph's bosses were putting pressure on Ralph to let Salvador Corporation bail Shannon out in the next two hours.

Time passed.

Hunter Lovett met with Shannon in the interrogation room and drew

close to Ralph's desk. He took a seat and crossed his legs arrogantly.

Lifting his chin, Hunter said with a mocking smile, "Captain

Thompson, I know you want to get even for your sister, but everybody is equal in the eyes of the law. Don't try to accuse the innocent. Don't

expect to make everything so personal. In fact, you're showing your

inadequacy to act accordingly as a police officer. You're green. Compared to your veteran officers, you have so much to learn."

"So you're saying the person in there is innocent?"

Raising his brow, Ralph stared intently at Hunter's smug face. "Mr. Lovett, you are too blind to see the facts right in front of you."

"You!"

While enraged, Hunter kept himself from pounding the table to stay in character. He hissed through clenched teeth, "Captain Thompson, don't think I won't do anything to you because you're Chairman Thompson's son. I can sue you for the personal attack."

"Go on then if you dare," Ralph sneered. He had seen through the

man's tendency to pick on the weak.

The Lovett brothers were so different. Steven was a great guy, but

Hunter turned out to be a jerk.

"Hmph! Stop the pointless resistance, Captain Thompson."

Hunter sunk his back into his seat and arrogantly looked at the time. There's two hours left on the clock. What's the point of holding her? The outcome will not change. What can a measly police officer do?

"Why don't you just call it quits and go back to being an heir? You

might be of better use to society."

"Why should I listen to you?"

Ralph glared at Hunter's sickening face and replied, "Even if I have

two hours, Shannon has to stay here until the very end."

Hunter shrugged. "Alright then. It won't stop me from going back

home to watch my show tonight."

Despite his blank face, Ralph clenched his fists.

Fuck!

He prayed for a miracle.

A female officer hurried over.

"Captain Thompson, we have a confession."

"A confession? Which case?"

"Shannon's case. He said that Shannon got the drugs from him. He

has proof to show that Shannon was using."

Ralph's eyes lit up.

Hunter's breath hitched as shock washed over him.

"What's his name?"

Simon entered with a faint smile.

Chapter 1166

Since Bella gave Justin the brush-off, he suddenly realized he had come on too strong and thoughtlessly on her.

Justin had only brought pain to Bella, whether it was in the past or the

present.

While he could not help himself now, he was a jerk who did not give Bella a grand proposal. The nerve of him to envision their life together before getting his shit together.

Bella was gracious enough to not blow up at him.

Ah!

"Oh, no. My stew!"

As the stew bubbled out of the pot, Bella handled the situation in

panic.

Justin felt a lump in his throat when he saw the boiling stew and other food on display. A tear escaped his eye, but he swiftly wiped it

off.

He did not want to tire Bella, so without changing his clothes, he

rolled up his sleeves and cleaned up the kitchen before setting up the

dinner table.

Emotions swept over him moments ago, driving him to tear up. He

regretted his past actions and felt bad for her.

He had a blissful life during the three years of their marriage, but he

never once cherished her.

Fortunately, he had her back in his life. This time, he would appreciate and hold onto his hard-won happiness.

"It's getting hot lately. The perfect weather for pavlova. Try it."

Bella took a scoop of pavlova and fed it to Justin.

Justin leaned over and opened his mouth when she recoiled back and tried to slurp down the dessert instead. She winked to tease him.

As lust filled his eyes, Justin held her down by the neck and bit half

the pavlova off her mouth.

He swallowed the dessert before sealing her lips and devouring her

muffled moans.

After nuzzling for a while, Bella went weak in the knees from the kiss.

Her silk dressing gown was wet from sweat and stuck to her back,

not leaving her figure much to the imagination.

As his eyes wandered off, Justin felt a rush to his loins.

"Was it sweet?" Bella wrapped her left arm around his shoulder and

rubbed off the crumbs on the edge of his lips.

"It was, but not sweeter than you." Justin stuck her finger into his

mouth.

"Why are you getting naughtier?"

Feeling a numbing sensation at her fingertips, Bella shuddered and said coyly, "Alright. Come on and eat. The food will get cold."

Justin released her for now and sat down to dig in when Bella's

phone rang.

It was Ralph calling. Anxious, she put the call on loudspeaker. "What happened, Ralph?"

"I have good and bad news, Bella. Which do you want to hear first?" Ralph sounded conflicted.

Bella and Justin exchanged glances. "Give me the good news."

"Shannon is finally charged with using and possessing drugs. First-

time users are sent to rehab centers but due to Shannon's

possession of more than the legal amount, she will get at least three

years."

Three years was too light of a sentence.

However, it was no big deal because this was only the start of her

karma.

"What's the bad news?" Justin asked solemnly.

"Simon turned himself in to get Shannon charged."

Chapter 1167

Justin and Bella were shocked. Her heart sank too. "Dr. Fairchild

turned himself in?"

"Yes. He handed me all the evidence of Shannon's crimes. Salvador Corporation's shares will plummet if the evidence comes to light. Gregory will get the shock of his life, and the press will have a field day. Hunter won't be able to get Shannon out now."

It was good news, but Bella had nothing to rejoice over.

Reading her mood, Justin pulled her into his arms and said tenderly, "I know dinner is the last thing on your mind now. Let's head to the police station now. I'll reheat the food later for you."

Bella rested her head on his chest and nodded with a frown.

Simon sat calmly in the interrogation room, a wall dividing hir

Shannon.

His composure was a stark contrast to Shannon's hysterical behav

"Officers, I am about to confess Shannon's and my crimes."

Ralph took one hard look at Simon "Mr. Fairchild, you should know that the offense you commit is heavier than Shannon's. You will

receive a heavy sentence for dealing."

"I understand, Captain Thompson." Simon remained indifferent.

"Why?"

That was the only way Ralph could approach this question because he was a police officer.

Simon knew what he was asking.

If he chose to keep his mouth shut, the police would not be able to charge him, even if Shannon sold him out. Yet Simon chose to admit his guilt.

"I'm sure you have someone you care about a lot, apart from your parents. You are willing to do anything for her."

Bella's smiling face came to Ralph's mind.

"You have an answer, and coincidentally, my answer is the same as yours." Simon smiled faintly.

The sincere smile was straight from his heart.

Ralph was shocked. He sighed. "I understand."

"No, you don't. No one can understand such a pure and complicated feeling." Simon's smile gradually turned into arrogance.

Soon, Bella and Justin arrived at the police station.

To their surprise, Simon refused to meet them.

Bella knew Simon was sacrificing himself for the greater good.

The pain and guilt ate her up inside.

Justin held her shaking shoulders and whispered words of comfort. Don't panic, Bella. I will hire the best lawyer for Dr. Fairchild, someone

Chapter 1168

"Bella, there's one thing among the evidence Simon provided me, but

I'm hesitant to present it to the court. Shannon can still be charged without this piece of evidence. But it can make Gregory drop Shannon

completely."

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Ralph pulled out his laptop and played a clip captured on surveillance.

Despite the absence of sound, the video was rather provocative.

Justin gasped sharply. Even though they were all adults, he still tried to cover Bella's eyes.

In the video, Shannon rode on Simon with her eyes closed. She enjoyed the motion in full nudity.

Ralph kept a stoic face. During his years of service in the force, he

had seen brain gunk and chopped bodies. Shannon's homemade video was equally gross.

Bella pulled herself together and mocked her with a straight face." The witch sure kept her figure."

"Dr. Fairchild sacrificed a lot." Ralph sighed and shut his laptop.

Bella said, "This video never existed. Don't ever let the video get out."

Both men knew that she was protecting Simon's last dignity.

Simon volunteered to be Bella's pawn and gave up his dignity as a human in the game. He would do anything, even at the cost of ruining himself, just to give Bella whatever she needed.

"If I had to take revenge at the expense of stripping another's dignity, I

would look down on myself. I won't be a slave to hatred." Bella gritted

her teeth, the pain still killing her inside.

"Bella..."

Justin and Ralph stood behind her and stared at her strong but

crestfallen back, not knowing the right words to say.

Ralph walked them out of his office.

They quickly came face-to-face with Hunter, who was in a foul mood.

Justin held Bella's hand tight and stared at the man with piercing

eyes.

Hunter could not breathe because Justin's gaze felt like a knife to his

throat.

Still, Hunter got his act together and mocked, "You sure have an

extensive network, Ms. Thompson."

"Thanks for the compliment."

Bella curled her lips and smirked cockily. "But it's a shame you did all the work for Mrs. Salvador, and everything came to nothing. I heard that you never lost a case in your decade-long career. Even your law firm carries the undefeatable signage proudly."

Taking Bella's lead, Justin raised his brow and taunted, "I think you

can remove the signage first thing in the morning before anybody questions your claim when Shannon's case goes to court."

Ralph snickered behind them.

The handsome couple was relentless in making snide remarks. Maybe the trait was transferable through kisses.

Hunter gritted his teeth in resentment.

Shannon was only charged with using. The case was not huge, but

the defeat would cost him his reputation in the industry and with

Gregory.

Hunter had never lost before, and he could not stand a defeat.

Bitter, Hunter gnashed his teeth and let out a sinister smile. "Haha. I have underestimated you, Ms. Thompson. I thought you were a tough

woman, but it turns out you sacrifice your decency for anything a

man can do for you."

Chapter 1169

Bella kept her cool. If she could not take an insult, how was she

supposed to lead a multibillion-dollar empire?

However, the two men beside her were not having it.

Justin, in particular, clenched his fists and trembled with rage. He

looked like he was about to blow up.

Hunter laughed cockily because Justin could not take his anger out

on him at the police station. "Haha! You're a lucky man, Mr. Salvador.

Ms. Thompson has you sorted for any unsettled problems. I guess all

men yield to Ms. Thompson's wishes. You'll get what you want through her."

"Argh!"

Hunter's conceit did not last long. He had a moment of blackout.

His nose hurt badly, and he saw stars when he face-planted on the

ground.

"Justin?"

Bella's eyes widened in shock, and her heart beat out of her chest as

she stared blankly at her man's strong back.

Even Ralph was dumbfounded. He did not even see how Justin hit

Hunter to the ground.

Ralph made a note to himself to check the surveillance footage later

to learn Justin's move.

"J-Justin! We are in the police station. H-How could you hit me?"

Hunter held his nose, tears and a nosebleed rolling down. "I'll sue you for aggravated assault. I'll... I'll..."

"Aggravated assault? But I didn't hit anyone."

Justin clutched his fingers, his knuckles popping as he looked askance at Hunter. "You're not human. I can't even call you an animal because I'll be insulting the animal kingdom."

Hunter shook with rage and fear.

However, he was not a nobody. Hunter was a renowned attorney and

the heir of the Lovett family. He had never been so humiliated.

Hence, Hunter shouted out loud to attract the attention of other cops.

"The president of Salvador Corporation is throwing his weight around and abusing the innocent. He attacked and insulted me in the police station! Justin, your upbringing doesn't give you the right to do

whatever you please. You're disregarding the law and the legal

system by attacking me here."

"Listen up, Hunter."

Justin narrowed his eyes on Hunter, his voice chilly. "If you have a problem, you can come after me. I play your game. But don't you

ever run your mouth about my woman. Even if it means jail time, I will make you pay. If I catch you speaking ill of her again, I'll pull your tongue out and flush it down the toilet. Just try me."

Hunter's eyes bulged, and his tongue went numb.

Bella went up and took Justin's hand. She blew on his red knuckles

and whined, "You hit too hard. Your hand is swelling."

"It's okay." Justin smiled at her without a care.

Bella locked eyes with him before giving Hunter a smirk. "If you have to sit behind bars, I should help you by giving him extra punches.

"It's boring to be in the free world alone. I should keep you company

in jail."

Ralph's jaw dropped. Bella's and Justin's flirting was something else.

With pain the last thing on his mind, Hunter was dumbstruck.

What did they take him for? A subject to spice up their love life?

A flurry of footsteps approached.

"What are you doing, Justin?"

Justin looked up and grimaced.

Chapter 1170

Gregory glared at his trouble-making son. He was visibly upset.

Behind him was Paul, his security detail, and Bethany, who looked

peevish.

In fact, Bethany did not want to be there to see Shannon. She had not

set foot in Tideview Manor since the horse racing event.

Shannon, her mother, had embarrassed her.

Bethany did not dare check her social media or watch TV. She did see

a few comments about her mother in chat groups.

She blocked her socialite group, but those people made jokes at her

and her mother's expense.

[Poor Mrs. Salvador. I bet there hasn't been much activity in the

bedroom for a long time. Otherwise, she wouldn't be so thirsty herself so intensely.]

[A middle-aged woman with children is no different than a bree

stock in a man's eyes. Even with her career as a celebrity, Mrs.

Salvador can't stop her relationship from fizzling out.]

[What does it have to do with her being middle-aged? Mrs. Salvador is

using drugs and incontinent. I wouldn't want to be in Chairman

Salvador's shoes. That's a scandal that will never die down.]

[I think Bethany is the one to suffer. She didn't even have a proper

boyfriend. Her mother was taken away by the police. I doubt any man

would want to get involved with her family and take her hand in

marriage. It must be humiliating for her.]

Her so-called best friends had no qualms about talking behind her

back.

No one needed friends like them..

Yet Bethany had to look like she cared about her mother. Regardless

of Gregory's feelings for Shannon, Bethany had to show her father

that she was a devoted and caring daughter.

She needed to prove she was way better than Carrie.

Bethany just witnessed Justin assaulting Hunter and heard their

conversation.

She sneered to herself.

Justin could stir a huge commotion for the bitch for all Bethany

cared. He would not stay as president for long once their father

ditched him.

"What am I doing? Can't you see for yourself?" Justin narrowed his

eyes dangerously.

"Have you forgotten who you are? This is the police station. It's

beneath you to raise your fists like a crass thug. You're so foolish."

Gregory started to see Justin in a new light because he had let Mary

down. However, Justin's reckless behavior did not sit right with him.

Ralph and the surrounding police officers shook their heads in

disdain at the chairman of Salvador Corporation's accusation.

"Chairman Salvador doesn't seem to grasp the bigger picture. How

does he run the company anyway? I have no words."

"I know, right? Mr. Salvador isn't right to assault someone, but

Chairman Salvador only sees his behavior as crass and humiliating. I

can't believe his perspective."

"Those with money lose their human nature."

Gregory was not deaf. Of course, he heard the chatter and grew

angrier at Justin.

"I know the person I am." Justin returned to Bella's side without

hesitation and held her hand.

His eyes met hers with tenderness. "I am Bella Thompson's man. He

insulted her, so it's only right that I punch him."

Bella's heart raced, and her hand in his grasp curled.

"You!" Gregory was stunned.

"If your woman was publicly insulted by a bastard, would you rema

calm and do nothing about it, Chairman Salvador?"

Justin curled his lips. "That reminds me. You love yourself more than

anyone else."

Everybody was shocked.

Sparks flew between Justin and Gregory.

While Gregory was lost for words, Bethany jumped in and stood up for her father. "How could you talk to Dad in that manner, Justin? You were wrong to attack a person, and your behavior will cost the company's reputation. What's wrong with Dad giving you an earful?

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